

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

In recent years, there has been an acceleration of the concentration of the various forms of media in fewer and fewer corporate hands. This trend has produced a smaller and smaller spectrum of opinion until it appears that the vast majority of T.V., radio, movie, and newspaper perspectives are remarkably like the established, often governmental "line". The sheer quantity of stations on T.V. and radio, and newspapers do not represent diversity of opinions simply by virtue of their numbers. Critical, unusual, controversial, or unpopular views are rarely represented in the corporate media.

My views are not represented in the corporate media and this is unacceptable to me..the "sameness" of the programming and the lack of innovation are symptoms of the lack of diversity, contrary to FCC comments of late. News reporting appears to be in support of government agendas, almost invariably. This has not always been the case. But now it is the case and the FCC has a job to do to insist on INCREASED diversity by strengthening the rules , not be weakening them. Major corporations have a viewpoint, but it is far from being the ONLY viewpoint. Please ensure that the public trust is safeguarded from monopolistic practices of the giant media conglomerates.